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Letters Allegedly Written by Stepan BANNERA

ACTION REQUIRED: Discussion with JAGUAR

1. Attachments A and B are translations of the highlights of a letter allegedly written by Stepan BANNERA and the letter of transmittal sent by an unidentified individual to the ARCADEMANY/1 newspaper office in Munich, Germany in January 1961 and to the editor of AEGIPHON 3A in Frankfurt. (In your discussion with JAGUAR please describe ARCADEMANY/1 and ☐ as contacts in Germany.)

2. The alleged BANNERA letter was signed "WETLYNEC" (a name used by BANNERA) in the same handwriting as that of the handwritten portion of the letter. The handwritten portion of this letter and a twelve-year old sample of BANNERA's handwriting supplied by ARCADEMANY/2 were compared by EUNOCT analysts who stated that: "A basis for the association of the handwriting in the original letter with the handwritten postscripts could not be found. While there is some similarity between the two writings, there are several irreconcilable differences which preclude an identification. The span of twelve years between the writings and the limited quantity of writing in the postscript were obstacles to a thorough comparison."

3. Neither ☐ nor ARCADEMANY/1 plan to bargain for the additional documents to which the writer claims to have access. However, JAGUAR may be interested in helping to identify the document peddler who is trying to use Bank of Montreal Account No. 7217 in Toronto and to determine what connection, if any, the real holder of this bank account may have to the document peddler. Through a sensitive source we learned that the holder of the bank account is a Miss Daphne Ellice WOOPER. SMARLE investigated her account and reported that Miss WOOPER, a native of England, had been in Canada but because of illness in her family, she had returned to the United Kingdom in January 1954. Her date of birth was given as January 1920 and her address in England as 9 Shaws Cottage, Perry Rise, Forrest Hill, S. E. 23, London. She was last employed before leaving Canada as a clerk with the Canada Life Assurance Company, Toronto, Ontario. Bank Account No. 7217 has been dormant since 1954 and still has a balance credited to it of \$5.43. SMARLE files reflect no detrimental information on Miss WOOPER; and persons interviewed concerning her have likewise reported nothing derogatory. SMARLE has cleared this information concerning Miss WOOPER for EUNOCT discussion with SHOOTER liaison.

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4. Since HANSEN has been dead for more than a year, it is thought that this letter peddling may be a KGB project. There have been other letters of this type but the payment for the information offered was to be made through other channels than the bank account No. 7217.

5. We would like you to discuss these letters with JACKAL and to ask if any such letters have come to their attention. Additionally, we would like to ask JACKAL for a name trace on Miss WOODS and for their comments on Miss WOODS's connection, if any to the document peddler. The big question in our mind is: Because this is a numbered account to which supposedly only Miss WOODS has access, how does the document peddler expect to withdraw any deposits made to this account without the true holder's knowledge? Apparently he has not been very successful in selling his information since the account reflects no transactions for nearly seven years.

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